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News Notes

Air Force band plays Mellow

The Air Force’s Heritage of America Band will play at the Mellow Theater on Feb. 22, beginning at 7 p.m.

The concert is free and tickets are available (limit four per person) in the Public Affairs Office, Building 11, X57308.

The Mellow Theater is located at Lackawanna College in Scranton.

Retirees plan breakfasts

Depot retirees are invited to breakfast the third Wednesday of every month.

Retirees meet at Perkins restaurant, Route 315, Pittston, from 8 to 10 a.m. Dates are: Wednesday, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21.

One Stop Shop sells trip tickets

The Civilian Welfare Council is sponsoring bus trips to Broadway in New York, New York City and Atlantic City.

Visit Broadway in New York on March 12 to see the play “Catch Me If You Can.” Tickets are \$75 each and are available at the One Stop Shop.

A bus will depart the depot at 7:30 a.m. and depart from New York at 6 p.m.

Spend the day shopping in New York City on April 30 or see the international car show at the Javits Center.

Cost is \$20 per person and payment is due at time of reservation. Bus pick up is in the depot parking lot at 7:30 a.m., departure is 6:30 p.m.

Travel to Atlantic City on Feb. 27. Cost is \$5 per person and payment is due at time of reservation. One bus will depart the main parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and a second bus will depart the Dickson City Viewmont Mall (near Sears) at 7:30 a.m. Both buses will depart Atlantic City at 6 p.m.

Tickets are available at the One Stop Shop.

The One Stop Shop also has 2011 Sno Cove season passes for \$50 each.

For details, call X58851.



Sheet Metal supports satellite communications

Sheet Metal Mechanic Michael Tomaszewski uses a Strippit Press Brake to bend hundreds of Movement Tracking System (MTS) display mounting brackets. The MTS is a satellite-based tracking and text messaging system designed to provide command and control over distribution assets supporting theater logistical operations. The bracket is used to mount the system’s computer monitor on non-tactical, non-combat-type vehicles often used in supply convoys. Tomaszewski works in the Sheet Metal Fabrication Branch. (Photo by Steve Grzezdinski)

RAID training vital to perimeter defense

by Jacqueline Boucher
Assistant Editor

Sometimes the only way to train Soldiers on the Army’s state-of-the-art surveillance systems is to conduct class on the front lines.

In Iraq and Afghanistan, two depot personnel teach the finer points of the Rapid Aerostat Initial Deployment (RAID) Tower to military members defending the perimeters of several forward operating bases (FOBs).

John Yackiel and Aaron Kimble are also installing upgrades to the legacy system to support the newer Base Expeditionary Targeting Surveillance Systems-Combined (BETSS-C) Elevated Sensors Program. The men are certified trainer/installers for the RAID Tower/BETSS-C.

RAID systems provide essential situational awareness necessary for improved security and daily operations in and around the FOBs.

For example, convoy leaders check with RAID operators for ‘road clear’ indication before leaving the area. Towers and aerostats are deployed as part of the Persistent Surveillance and Dissemination Systems (PSDS2); they first arrived in Afghanistan in 2003.

After completing a 12-week training course, both men volunteered to use their newfound knowledge to help protect U.S. and coalition forces by teaching service members what they needed to know about the surveillance system.

“We provide information, training, system knowledge and emergency support for the military where it’s needed most,” Kimble said. “John and I have been traveling from one military base to another, teaching Soldiers how to self-sustain operations and maintain elevated awareness 24-hours a day.”

The classes range from 12-40 students and include classroom

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‘Hooah’ more than just a battle cry, it’s a way of life

by Karen Parrish
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The 2011 Military Health System Conference opened Jan. 25 at a very snazzy hotel in National Harbor, Md.

Thousands of trim, uniformed health care professionals — some in navy, some in camouflage, some people in khaki, some in civvies, all with tidy hair — milled around in an orderly way before settling into a huge room where the opening session would take place.

It was a decorous opening session — good speakers, touches of humor, some serious talk about the serious issues military medical practitioners grapple with these days.

The program guide outlined what the conference offered in learning opportunities. Breakout sessions actually were good for continuing education credit. But then again, the sessions featured topics such as “New Emerging Technology Clinical Trials Participation – Policy and Processes.”

So the opening session was rolling right along. Then somebody — you’ll find out who — played a video.

An Army video.

The “Army Strong” video, to be exact.

The text that appears in the “Army Strong” video — yellow on black, all caps, at a slow, one-line-at-a-time pace — follows.

Webster defines strong as having great physical power, as having moral or intellectual power, as striking or superior of its kind. But with all due respect to Webster, there’s strong, and then there’s Army strong.

It is a strength like none other.

It is a physical strength.

It is an emotional strength.

It is a strength of character.

The strength to do good today,

And the strength to do well tomorrow.

The strength to obey,

and strength to command.

The strength to build,

and strength to tear down.

The strength to get yourself over,

and the strength to get over yourself.

There is nothing on this green Earth

that is stronger than the U.S. Army.

Because there is nothing on this green Earth that is stronger than a U.S. Army Soldier.

Strong.

Army Strong.

The video took that opening session straight out of decorous territory for a few minutes.

Those words, both stately and stirring, alternated with photographs of men and women, young adults and 50-somethings, marching, running, parachuting, climbing, shooting, walking with children in other nations, holding their own children — typical Soldiers doing typical Soldier things. Plus images of tanks, helicopters, and so on. It was powerful.

It wasn’t decorous.

It got me thinking about the nature of Soldiers, and of military people in general. They’re disciplined and professional. Military bearing is something on which members of all the services justly pride themselves.

Military people know decorum.

Another side of the military nature is harder to pin down. Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, did the best job I’ve ever seen in a piece he wrote a few years back. It was called “What I Have Learned About the Army,” but the chairman zeroed in on hooah.

“There are 1,000 or 10,000 or 100,000 different ways to say hooah,” the admiral wrote. “But I learned that it is more than just a battle cry; it is a way of life. It says that you will never quit, never surrender, never leave your buddy. It says that you are proud of the hardships you have endured because there is deep meaning in every one of them.”

The chairman, of course, is exactly right. But there’s another aspect to hooah too, I think. At the bottom of every Soldier is the original hopeful, scared, determined, young or not-so-young civilian who raised his hand, or her hand, and swore to protect and defend. Hooah comes from both the overlaying warrior and the underlying person. It comes from the hybrid creature called a Soldier, who has an impassive military bearing and a compassionate human heart.

In a sense, the conference’s medical audience was the

perfect example of this psychological mash-up. Soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines — heroes, warriors, healers.

So yesterday, as the three-minute “Army Strong” video ended, I was delighted, but not surprised, to hear more than one full-throated “hooah!” issue from the audience.

I don’t think the Soldier responsible for playing it — Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Eric B. Schoomaker, Army surgeon general and commander of U.S. Army Medical Command — was surprised either.

“Isn’t this Army Strong video compelling?” he asked.

In response: tremendous applause and a fainter “hooah, hooah” from the crowd.

He knew when he learned he would be speaking at the conference, Schoomaker said, that he wanted to open with that video.

These generals and admirals, they’re pretty sharp.

It wasn’t hard to work it in, he said, because he was asked to speak about how Army medicine supports strength and resilience among warriors and families.

Schoomaker made it clear that he respects all the services and all who wear the uniform. He speaks particularly of the Army, he said, because he’s a Soldier.

“Let there be no doubt, the root of our readiness lies in the strength and resilience of this Army, and military families,” Schoomaker said. “And so it all starts with what it means to be Army strong.”

During the same opening session, Deborah Mullen, the chairman’s wife, spoke of military families, and the physical and psychological toll nearly 10 years of combat have taken on uniformed men and women, their spouses and their children.

Even the strongest need support.

A few hours after Schoomaker spoke, not too far away, the president announced a plan bringing in agencies across the government to strengthen military family support.

As my colleague Elaine Wilson reported, the president said, “Today, I’m proud to announce that for the first time ever, supporting the well-being of our military families will be a priority not just for the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, but all across the federal government.”

Hooah.



STAY TUNED
Local media announce
weather delays, closures

TELEVISION STATIONS

WNEP, Channel 16
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WARM, 590 (Scranton)
WKAP, 1470 (Allentown)
WEJL (ESPN), 630
(Scranton)
WILK, 910/980 (Pittston)
WICK, 1400 (Scranton)

FM RADIO STATIONS

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WMGH, 105.5 (Allentown)
WKAB, 103.5 (Berwick)
WMGS, 92.9 (Scranton)
WKRZ, 98.5 (Pittston)
WGGY, 101.3 (Pittston)
WWDL, 105 (Scranton)
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Winter weather often produces hazardous conditions that may impact the depot's operational status. Public announcements regarding depot closings or starting time delays will be provided to local television and radio stations, and recorded on a toll free information hotline. Employees are encouraged to tune in to the media outlets listed below or call 1-800-429-4496 to hear the recorded announcement.

OBITUARY

Ronald Cavallotti died Jan. 23. He was 49.

A native of Scranton, Cavallotti was a 1979 graduate of Scranton Technical High School.

A U.S. Air Force veteran, he was a management analyst in the Production Management Directorate. He began his federal career in 1988, and was awarded the Army Superior Unit Award in 2000.

Cavallotti enjoyed playing golf and cheering for the New York Yankees or Dallas Cowboys. He also coached for the Marvins Little League.

He is survived by his wife, children, father, one brother and three sisters.



Cavallotti

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TEAM TOBYHANNA

EXCELLENCE IN
ELECTRONICS

New training environment improves learning curve

by Jacqui Hatch
Contributor

Just about everywhere you turn on the depot, there’s some kind of construction taking place, such as the C4ISR Finishing Facility or BRAC-realted projects. This construction is vital for the necessary upgrades and improvements that are being made on post every day.

Tobyhanna personnel started moving into the new Technical Development Division’s (TDD) training center Jan. 31 following a two year renovation. As the project moved towards completion, anticipation for the new facility grew.

“This move is exciting, not just for our division, but for the entire depot,” said Beth Blaut, a training instructor for TDD. “The original school on the second floor of Building 1A was constructed in 1986 and definitely needed repairs and remodeling.”

The \$3.5 million renovation resulted in a facility that boasts new work benches, training equipment and furniture. Other features, such as cameras, control panels for light settings, Smart Podiums, electronically controlled drop-down screens, and audio and video devices will be more accessible and provide for a more productive classroom setting.

The new facility will feature six classrooms, a soldering lab and learning resource center. Classrooms will boast new audio and visual capabilities, adjustable work benches, and retractable walls in the multi-purpose room to convert the space into four

individual classrooms.

“The new training equipment and work benches will allow the students to safely hone their skills,” said Instructor Mark Butler.

The goal and planning of new furniture inside and outside of the classrooms has come with its own price tag of \$94,000. Officials purchased items that were ergonomic and met student needs based on recent critiques.

The new space has been upgraded to include handicap accessible ramps, elevators and doors.

“All of the classrooms are being completely re-furnished to fit the needs of every student, to include more work areas for people with disabilities,” said Bill Kimbell, soldering instructor. He explained that the previous student tables, chairs, and work benches were old and in poor condition.

State-of-the-art equipment and technology give the instructors the space to conduct training courses that were not possible prior to the renovations. Plus, the larger classrooms will be able to seat more students and offer a more comfortable learning environment.

“A newly developed Microwave Technology Course will give us the capability to do a variety of laboratory exercises or practical exercises,” said Gregory Woellner, training instructor, noting that the classrooms are now large enough to support equipment and space for hands-on training. “Prior to the renovation we were



Gregory Myers, training administrator, unpacks boxes at his new work station in the new Technical Development Division training center. (Photo by Tony Medici)

only able to teach the basis of theory for courses such as this,” Woellner said.

According to TDD team members such as education technicians, training administrators, career program specialists, and administrative assistants, tasteful offices with more space make for better working environment.

“There will be more room to make vendors and visitors feel welcome and leave with a positive experience,” said Training Administrator Gregory Myers.

The team also believes that the new improvements will not only increase productivity, but will also motivate students.

“A better training environment will hopefully enhance employee participation,” stated Dave Jurosky, training coordinator.

Division Chief Lynwood Turlington agrees. “The new space with its respective features will provide a better training atmosphere, which should increase morale,” he said, “Now TDD has launched Tobyhanna into a new environment with a state-of-the-art facility that is sure to boost all training.”



Sidewinder accepts Shingo Bronze Medallion

Tobyhanna employees received an international-level quality award for improvements to the AIM-9(M) Sidewinder missile guidance and control section repair program during a ceremony Jan. 31. Sidewinder technicians were presented with a Shingo Bronze Medallion by Robert Miller (top photo, far right) the executive director of the Shingo Prize Office, for developing and implementing Lean Six Sigma (LSS) techniques that yielded a number of efficiencies to the repair process. Kirk Nicholas, the director of the Army’s Continuous Process Improvement/Lean Six Sigma Program, said the Army has seen \$18.8 billion in financial benefits in the last four years through LSS efforts by Tobyhanna and other Army organizations. The Shingo Prize program recognizes private and public sector

organizations that successfully apply LSS techniques to improve the quality and efficiency of their operations. It is regarded as the premier manufacturing award recognition program for North America. Officials who attended were (top photo, from left): depot commander Col. Charles Gibson; AFGE Local 1647 representative Michael McGinty; Jeff Smith, Sidewinder production controller; Michael McCain, Systems Integration and Support Directorate; George Bellas, director of C3/Avionics; John Tayoun, Sidewinder electronics mechanic; Robert Kinsey, Sidewinder work leader; Wayne Watkins, chief of the Tactical Missile Division; Russell Strausser, chief of the Sidewinder Missile Branch, and Frank Zardecki, deputy commander. Other state and local officials attended the ceremony. (Photos by Tony Medici)

Contest tests knowledge of civil rights

Personnel can test their knowledge of the African-American civil rights movement by answering the following questions. Anyone who answers all four questions correctly will be entered in a raffle in which one person will receive a Canon Power shot 8490 Digital Camera.

Write answers in the space provided and mail the quiz to the Equal Opportunity Office, mail stop 5038, or hand deliver the quiz to the office in Building 1C, Bay 1. The deadline to submit is close of business Feb. 24.

Name: _____
Organization: _____
Cost center: _____

1. In 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that segregation in public schools was illegal, which paved the way for large-scale desegregation. What NAACP attorney instrumental in the case later became America’s first black Supreme Court Justice?

2. Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat at the front of a bus to a white passenger. In response to her arrest, blacks boycotted city buses. Over one year later, the boycott is halted after city buses are desegregated. The bus boycott occurred in what city?

3. Four black college students began a sit-in at a segregated lunch counter. Although they are refused service, they are allowed to stay at the counter, and the event triggers many similar non-violent protests throughout the South. What was the name of the store where the sit-in was held?

4. In 1964, three Mississippi civil rights workers were officially declared missing. The trio had been working to register black voters. The last day they were seen, the police had arrested, incarcerated and then released the three men on speeding charges. Later, their murdered bodies were found after President Johnson sent military personnel to join the search party. It is later revealed that members of the police department played a part in the murders. What were the names of the three civil rights workers?



Tobyhanna funded a project to put 61,288 square feet of green roof on Building 1D to improve the quality of life and working environment of employees.

Teamwork garners Secretary of Army award

by Jacqueline Boucher
Assistant Editor

The Army recently announced Tobyhanna Army Depot as the winner of one of the annual Secretary of the Army Environmental Awards.

The depot’s environmental programs earned the 2010 award in the Environmental Quality; Industrial Installation category.

This year’s winning accomplishments include the implementation of innovative research and development, environmental cost avoidance, habitat restoration, endangered species protection, identification and management of significant cultural resources, waste diversion and green procurement, according to a Pentagon press release. Five installations, one organization, two teams and one individual will receive Secretary of the Army awards recognizing their environmental or sustainability program achievements. The award winners will compete for the Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards later this year.

The categories for this year’s award were recycling, energy recovery, building initiatives and Lean manufacturing.

“We have a dedicated group of people who do a great job of insuring compliance and assisting in the mission areas,” said Russel Dunkelberger, Environmental Management Division chief. “We also work closely with the personnel in the Public Works Directorate (DPW) to accomplish our goals.”

The depot boasts 11 environmental professionals and



All material recycled in fiscal year 2010 saved 72,573 cubic yards of landfill space.

five supporting staff members who work to improve program management, including recycling; energy conservation, efficiency and recovery; sustainable building design and Lean manufacturing processes.

“We have a really good, positive working relationship with the environmental division,” said John Lyman, chief of DPW’s Engineering Division. “Everyone has worked hard and implemented several successful projects that support the depot’s mission.

Tobyhanna’s initiatives include recycling about 5.7 million pounds of non-construction debris annually, resulting in an average annual sales of \$1.3 million. Depot and tenant organizations participate in the recycling program.

The depot also uses green roof projects and other initiatives to improve quality of life and working environment issues.

In addition, a new energy recovery effort will use new technology to reduce natural gas consumption. Equipment being used on a new conveyor painting operation will capture the heat energy of exhausted air and use it to preheat the incoming raw outdoor air, according to Dunkelberger.

Sustainable building initiatives are already underway. In accordance with a new program titled Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, Tobyhanna is implementing four construction projects that incorporate improved water efficiency, reduced energy consumption, use of recycled materials and reduced construction waste.

“We’re working with EMD to install an Energy Management System,” Lyman said. “Personnel are installing and creating a network of sensors that will allow environmental specialists to monitor energy usage in all of Tobyhanna’s buildings.”

“We rely on the skills and expertise of the people in the Public Works Directorate,” Dunkelberger said, explaining they are also installing water flow meters on pipelines. The new meters will send flow rate data by remote signals to a computer in the office, he said. “They play a critical role in everything we do.”

Dunkelberger explained that Tobyhanna also subscribes to the Lean manufacturing business model in an effort to reduce waste while providing quality products and support at the lowest possible cost to customers. EMD program managers provide support and advice concerning potential environmental issues arising from the nearly 200 Lean events conducted each year, he said.

Future environmental objectives for Tobyhanna include increased turn-in rates, reduction in hazardous waste generation and energy usage, and generation of renewable energy.



Charles Murphy

Duty title: Electronics Quality Inspector
Directorate: Productivity, Improvement and Innovation

Charles Murphy deployed twice to work on Firefinder radars; first to Kosovo, then Iraq.

Murphy organized, monitored and repaired radars. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, he also managed the spare parts, provided daily status reports to Tobyhanna and oversaw Firefinder maintenance operations at the Forward Repair Activity.

“The most rewarding aspect of my job was serving the Soldier,” Murphy said, noting that he learned and applied new skills to support warfighters.

“Deploying is a great way to give something back,” he said.

David Paglianite

Duty title: Field Service Representative/Logistician
Directorate: Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance

Paglianite has deployed to Southwest Asia once in support of the global war on terrorism. While in Iraq, he performed duties in support of the Product Manager (PM) Counter Radio Controlled Improvised Explosive Device Electronic Warfare (CREW)/Warlock mission.

Day-to-day responsibilities while there consisted of acquisition, disposition and inventory control of all CREW-related assets at his location.

“The fact that what we do makes a difference in keeping the warfighter safe was all the motivation I needed to volunteer,” Paglianite said. “The constant ‘thanks’ from the Soldier and genuine appreciation for the job we did, both down range and at the depot, make it all worthwhile.”

Paglianite admits things did get a little monotonous at times, yet he hopes to deploy again.

To personnel thinking of deploying, Paglianite says, “Do it. The entire experience is something that will never be forgotten.”

Volunteers provide on-site support in positions around the globe. Work schedule is typically 7 days per week, 12 hours per day. Overtime pay, locality pay, holiday pay, Sunday premium, Foreign Post Differential and danger pay are all offered based on eligibility. Training opportunities are available to individuals interested in volunteering for a deployment or temporary duty assignment. Supervisory approval is required before volunteering to deploy. The following intranet link offers more information on deployment opportunities and points of contact: <http://intranet.tobyhanna.army.mil/Intranet/contacts/view.cfm?MenuID=5111>

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Electronics Worker Christopher D'Amico conducts operational testing on Language Labs computer systems.

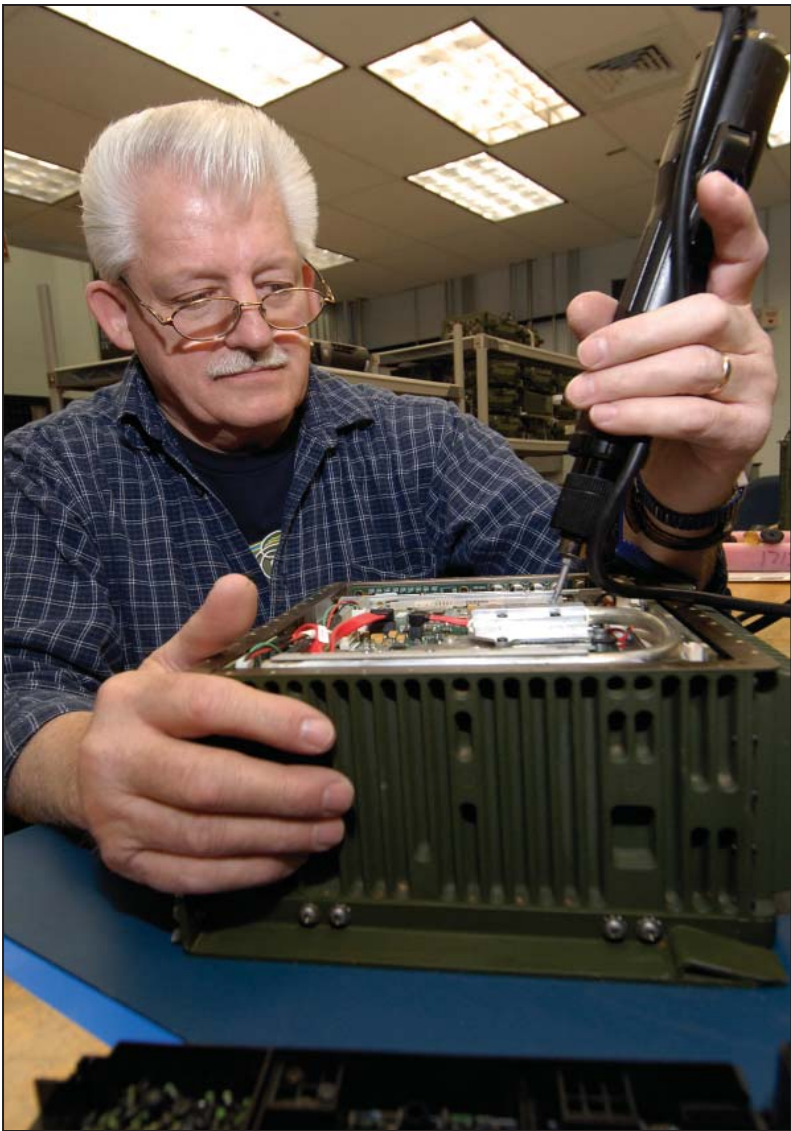
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Steve Grzedzinski



EXCELLENCE IN ELECTRONICS AROUND THE DEPOT



Left, Glenn Gardner, electronics mechanic, programs Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) handheld devices.
Above, Electronics Technician Stephen Laskowski programs MC4 laptop computers.



Raymond Scheller, electronic digital computer mechanic, repairs a Blue Force Tracking processor.



Steve Smith, electronic digital computer mechanic, programs Combat Service Support Automated Information Systems Interface (CAISI) radios.

Computer Service and Repair Branch Command, Control and Computer/Avionics Directorate

Branch employees inspect, evaluate, test, repair and build computers, computer systems and supporting hardware used throughout the world. Shop technicians support programs such as Blue Force Tracking, Combat Service Support Automated Information System Interface, Military Health Systems and Tobyhanna Multimedia Language Labs. System capabilities provide for a high-speed, long-range wireless network, an infrastructure for Department of Defense hospitals and clinics, and teacher/student classroom educational computers.



From front to back, Chris Sefchik, electronics mechanic; Bruce Lassley, electronic digital computer mechanic; and Frank Jones, electronic mechanic; program laptop computers for CAISI.

New Division Chief

Jason Donovan is chief of the Field Logistics Support (FLS) Directorate’s Pacific Division at Joint Base Lewis McChord, Wash.

As chief, he supervises operations for several programs and products in Korea, Alaska, Hawaii and the entire Pacific coast. Field support representatives and other division personnel provide support for logistics management, Standard Army Management Information Systems and Reset.

Prior to his current position, Donovan was a supervisor in the former Forward Repair Activity Division’s Pacific Branch, Command, Control and Computer/



Donovan

Avionics Directorate.

He began his career at Tobyhanna in February 2006.

Donovan served eight years as a Signal Soldier working with line-of-sight equipment operating in all extensions and nodes.

He served a year in Korea with the 122nd Signal Battalion and spent the rest of his career at Fort Hood, Texas, with the 57th Signal Battalion, 3rd Signal Brigade.

Donovan is a 1995 graduate of Burroughs High School in Ridgecrest, Calif. His hobbies include coaching soccer, fishing, hunting, golf, camping with friends and family, and boating.

Welcome to the Depot

Name	Title	Organization
Sharon Geil	Secretary	D/FLS
Angelo Rios	Security guard	D/IRM
Melia Smirne	Secretary	D/Comm Sys
Joshua Tracey	Equipment specialist, electronics	D/ISR

Retirees

Name	Retirement date	Organization
Elizabeth Yurkovic	Jan. 29	D/IM
Gerard Dougher	Jan. 31	D/C3/Avionics
David Mrozek	Jan. 31	D/C3/Avionics
John Telencio	Jan. 31	D/ISR
Edward Tresse	Jan. 31	D/Comm Sys
Brenda St. Duran	Jan. 31	D/Comm Sys



Congressman tours mission areas

Robert Katulka shows U.S. Rep. Lou Barletta, Pennsylvania 11th Congressional District, a few of the many systems supported by Tobyhanna Army Depot: the AN/PSS-12 and AN/PSS-14 mine detection systems, the Remotely Monitored Battlefield Sensor System II and the Battlefield Anti-Intrusion System. Barletta visited Tobyhanna on Feb. 3 for the first time since taking office. He received the Command Perspectives briefing from Deputy Commander Frank Zardecki, which outlines depot missions and community support. He also toured depot facilities such as the Firefinder and AN/TPS-75 radar, the Multiple Threat Emitter System, cable fabrication, and electronics shelter and van shops. Katulka is the director of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance. (Photo by Tony Medici)

Community Bulletin

Editor’s Note: The Community Bulletin provides an avenue for depot and tenant employees to advertise van or car pools, and for-sale items. Money making items such as rentals and personal business will not be accepted.

Information must be submitted via e-mail to Jacqueline.Boucher@us.army.mil, or written items can be mailed to the Public Affairs Office, mail stop 5076. Submissions must include a name and telephone extension. Only home phone numbers will be published in the Trading Post section. Voluntary submission of items constitutes individual’s consent to publish personal information all versions of the *Tobyhanna Reporter*. Ads will be published in four consecutive newspapers. It is the customer’s responsibility to update or renew items listed in the Community Bulletin. For information, call Jacqueline Boucher, X58073.



VAN/CAR POOLS

Back Mountain: 1 opening, 5/4/9, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., both Fridays, nonsmoking, meets at Thomas’ Supermarket in Shavertown, call Jeff, X59705.

Honesdale: 3 openings, van, 5/4/9, first RDO (can run both), door-to-door pick up, nonsmoking, contact Mike Cook, X56036, michael.leroy.cook@us.army.mil.

Wilkes-Barre: opening, 5/4/9, both Fridays, nonsmoking, first shift, pick up points at Schiel’s Market on George Ave., Parsons section, contact Lou Roberts, X57705, 430-4981, or louis.p.roberts@us.army.mil.

Clarks Summit area: 4 openings, 5/4/9, both Fridays, nonsmoking, contact Karen Galaydick, X56091, karen.galaydick@us.army.mil.

Mt. Cobb: 1 opening, 5/4/9, both Fridays,

nonsmoking, “A” placard, leaves Mt. Cobb park and ride, contact Pete Pypiak, X58537/X58536, or peter.pypiak@us.army.mil, or Mark Warner, X59317, or mark.warner1@us.army.mil.

New Jersey: looking for employee or contractor to carpool, or start a van, from New Jersey, Route 80 westbound is the travel route, call Robin, X57345.

Nanticoke: 1 opening, 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., 5/4/9, both Fridays, everyone drives, “A” placard, nonsmoking, leaves Nanticoke Armory, call Delores Walski, X59848.

Wilkes-Barre/Pittston: 2 openings, 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., “A” placard, pick up points are at Route 309/Blackman or the Pittston exit off Route 81, call John, X57007.

Swoyersville, Exeter, Pittston Plaza: 2 openings, van, 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., 5/4/9, both Fridays, nonsmoking, call Mike, X59055 or George, X57063.

Dallas: 1 opening, 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., “A” placard travels through Shavertown,

Luzerne, Wilkes-Barre, to I-81 north then I-380 east, call Ralph Szalkowski, X59559 or Roy Fulkersin, X56120.

Bartonsville: 1 opening, 5/4/9, van, travels from Bartonsville up Route 611 to Tannersville, Scot Run, Swiftwater and Mt. Pocono, call Tom, X56289 or Ed, X58834.

Wilkes-Barre: opening, A placard, nonsmoking, 5/4/9, both Fridays, leaves Jack Williams Tire and Auto at 6 a.m., call Jim, X56170.

White Haven: 1 opening, van, 7 passengers, H parking, 5/4/9, nonsmoking, call David Swankosky, X59467.

Jermyn, Mayfield, Carbondale: 2 openings, 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., 5/4/9, both Fridays, everyone drives, “A” placard, nonsmoking, meets at Carbondale Park & Ride, call John, X58676, X57581 or 872-6518.



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Pistol barrel: Encore, 14-inch, 22-250 blued w/scope base, forend and pistol stock, \$160; Traditions bolt action inline 50 cal muzzleloader with Simmons 3x9 master scope, \$150, Call 344-4731.

Computer: Dell Dimension 2400, fresh Windows XP boot (SP3), Microsoft Office 2007, 17-inch flat panel monitor, keyboard,

mouse, speakers, great student computer, \$300, call John Kasse, 216-0165.

Acoustic guitar: Yamaha FG 700s, sounds great, used twice, great beginners guitar, Yamaha gig bag, guitar stand, instructional DVD, extra strings, string winder, guitar strap, picks, E-media Guitar Method Deluxe Version 5/2 disc CD-ROM learning software w/over 350 lessons, asking \$250 OBO for all. Call or text Jon, 862-2864.

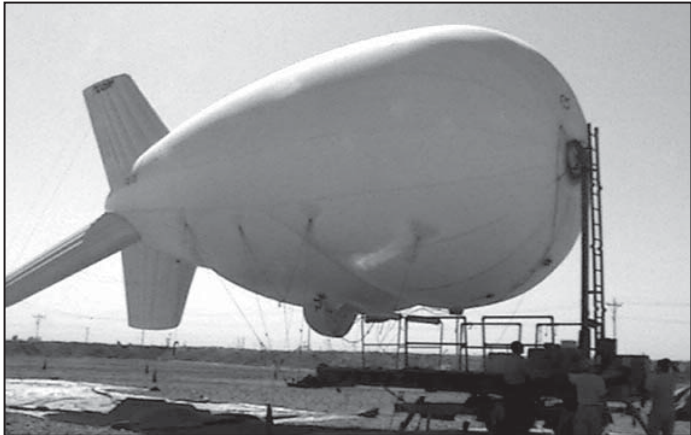
Exercise equipment: Body Solid Universal, excellent condition, paid \$2,800, asking \$800, contact 484-553-5146 or MEP491955@aol.com.

Household items: Dishwasher, \$75; gas range, \$100; electric range, \$150; solid oak bedroom furniture suite that includes a king-size wall unit storage headboard and triple-width vanity dresser with mirrors, \$200 OBO, call Don, 216-1519.

Snow blower: Sears Craftsman snow blower, 5 HP, electric start, 21-inches, 2 cycle, single stage, 4 years old, looks and runs great, manual included, \$175, call Tom, 610-866-1725.

Tonneau cover: Hummer H3T Diamond Back black Kevlar, fits Hummer H3T, mint condition, \$650, call Rich, 587-1901.

Exercise equipment: Bowflex Extreme 2 home gym, like new condition, 56”d x 50”w x 83”h, weight stack 210 pounds, \$950 OBO, call Jared 540-9152.



The Rapid Aerostat Initial Deployment (RAID) system uses a variety of platforms - including aerostat, tower and mast — and sensor suites to provide persistent surveillance in support of warfighter intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance requirements.

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instruction and hands-on training that concludes with a student and course evaluation.

“The tower is a very important asset for our infantry company,” said 1st Sgt. Alexander Aguilastratt in a note to the depot. “The service that John and Aaron have been providing is first class.” Aguilastratt is assigned to a joint security station in Southwest Asia.

Training was conducted so Soldiers working on all shifts were able to participate, according to the first

sergeant. He wrote that everyone was schooled in the system’s capabilities as well as how to bring the device down safely for maintenance.

“Their [Kimble and Yackiel] attitude and service clearly reflect the principles of your organization in regard to supporting our Soldiers,” he said. “We were lucky to have them.”

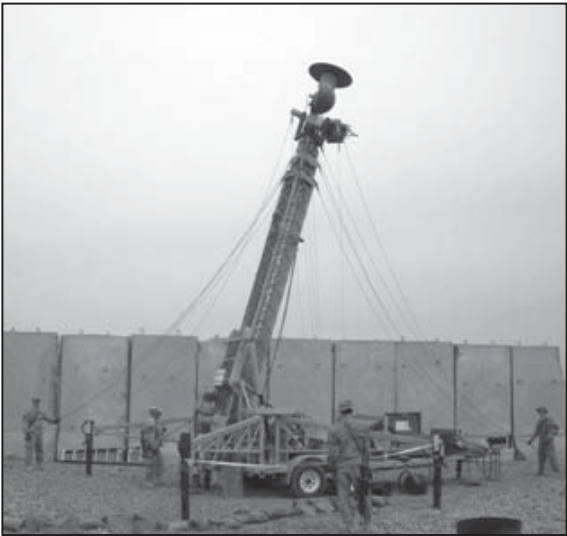
Protecting the Soldiers is what it’s all about, according to Yackiel.

“Aaron and I love our work and are completely at ease with the Soldiers we

train,” said Yackiel, explaining that he hopes what he does offers the Soldiers peace of mind and helps them feel safe.

“They aren’t alone. Someone has their back,” he said.

At Tobyhanna, Yackiel works as a supply technician in the Communications Systems Directorate and Kimble is an electronics technician assigned to the Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate.



Enhanced Combat Helmet to be fielded in fall

WASHINGTON — The Army is looking at an improved combat helmet that surpasses the capabilities of what Soldiers are currently wearing in the field, and it may be available in the fall.

The new Enhanced Combat Helmet (ECH) doesn’t look much different than the Advanced Combat Helmet it’s designed to replace, but the performance difference is huge, said Col. William Cole, project manager, Soldier Protection and Individual Equipment.

“If you hold them in your hand, you’d have a tough time telling the difference, other than the relative thickness,” Cole said. “The ECH is a little bit thicker, also about an ounce to four ounces lighter depending on the size. But it’s really a huge leap ahead forward in terms of head protection capability.”

Tobyhanna is preparing to start working on a modified version of the current Advanced Combat Helmet Brackets as early as late February.

“The Army and U.S. Marine Corps are requesting 6,000 brackets by mid-summer,” said Thomas Sweeney, logistics management specialist, noting that future estimated requirements for the Army, Navy and Marines may exceed 200,000 brackets. “The new brackets and clip portion will be adjusted to fit around the thicker ECH shell.” Sweeney works in the Production Management Directorate’s Manufacturing Support Division.

During testing, Cole said, the helmets did so well that a new test system will need to be developed to evaluate their effectiveness at protecting a Soldier’s head from fragments.

“The data we’re getting from the prototypes going into the milestone was even better than we hoped,” he said. “We had hoped for a 35-percent improvement over the ACH in terms of ballistic protection and it’s way better than that.”

With smaller fragments, the lab was unable to determine a “V50” rating — that’s a determination of what velocity is needed for 50 percent of fragments to penetrate a test material.

“In this case the test guns they had couldn’t shoot



The Advanced Combat Helmet, currently used in Iraq and Afghanistan, is scheduled to be replaced this fall with one that offers even more protection, the Enhanced Combat Helmet. (U.S. Army Photo)

fragments fast enough to penetrate the helmet,” Cole said. “We don’t know exactly what the V50 is, but we know it’s better than anything we’ve seen before. We’re going to have to build stronger test guns to figure out exactly how good it is.”

The Army wants 200,000 of the helmets, though Cole said, “I’d be surprised if we stop at that number.”

It’s expected fielding of the ECH will happen this fall and will align with the Army’s Force Generation Model, though Cole said he hopes to accelerate fielding. The Marine Corps is a partner in development of the ECH and will also purchase the helmets.

“It potentially could mitigate some traumatic brain injuries. We’re seeing it has great potential,” said Brig. Gen. Peter N. Fuller, the Program Executive Officer Soldier. “We’re trying to work through getting that product accelerated.”

Tax assistance available locally to military, family members

by Ashley Lasoski
Legal technician

In previous years, Tobyhanna Army Depot’s Legal Office has provided active duty military members and their dependents free income tax preparation and filing services.

Unfortunately, this year the Legal Office is not offering these services due to lack of funding by the Internal Revenue Service. Staff members from the Legal Office have identified two local sites and one Internet-based provider that are offering tax preparation service to military members and dependents at no charge.

The University of Scranton and the United Way of Lackawanna and Wayne Counties are holding a one day only event at the University of Scranton, Brennan Hall, in the 300 block of Madison Avenue in Scranton on March 5 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Appointments are required. To schedule an appointment, contact the United Way of Lackawanna and Wayne Counties, 570-343-1267, extension 222, or e-mail Jamie Burns, jburns@uwlc.

Those unable to attend this event can schedule an appointment using the phone number above.

East Stroudsburg University is also offering free tax preparation services on Tuesday nights from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. – noon. Appointments are required. Contact Sheila Handy, 570-422-3181 to schedule an appointment.

Those unable to attend on the scheduled days and times can schedule an appointment using the phone number above.

Lastly, militaryonesource.com is offering free on-line income tax preparation for military members and their dependents.

For further information, contact the depot’s Legal Office, 570-615-7210.

Depot uses several resources to publish operational status

Winter weather often produces hazardous conditions that may impact the depot’s operational status.

Public announcements regarding depot closings or starting time delays will be provided to local television and radio stations, and recorded on a toll free information hotline — 1-800-429-4496.

Employees are encouraged to tune in to the media outlets to hear the recorded announcement (WNEP Channel 16 will only make verbal announcements and post information on their web site).

Current information is also posted on the Tobyhanna web site. Go to <http://www.tobyhanna.army.mil/employees/weather.html> to read the latest updates.



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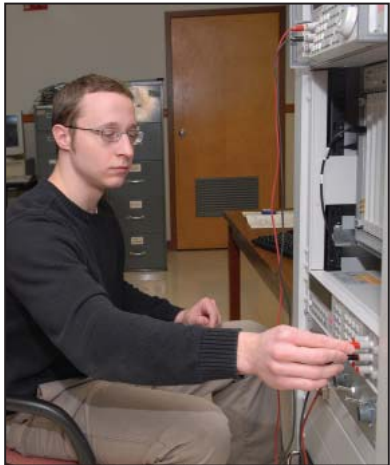
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Chemical Engineer Patrick Tierney, standing, works with Seth Tiel, engineering technician, to either develop or recommend alternative processes for removing and reapplying metal coatings on the AN/TPS-59 radar component.

“Engineering is not science. Engineers generally don’t “do” science. Science is about discovering the natural. Engineering is creating the artificial.”

—www.discoverengineering.org



Above, Electronics Engineer Thomas Wychock performs a test routine to verify the software he’s developing is working correctly.
Right, Environmental Engineer Dave Ruskey measures air flow in the Industrial Operations Facility paint shop to evaluate emission rates.



Matt Jones, mechanical engineer, makes sure an Engineering Design Model works properly on an AN/TPQ-37 Firefinder Radar remote kit.

TOBYHANNA EMPLOYS 163 ENGINEERS

- Safety engineer (1)
- Civil engineers (1)
- Chemical engineers (2)
- Environmental engineers (3)
- Electrical engineers (3)
- Computer engineers (7)
- Industrial engineers (16)
- Mechanical engineers (34)
- Electronics engineers (96)



Safety Engineer Thomas Rash checks the safety sign inventory in the safety annex. There are about 30 different signs that are distributed to new areas or areas with new processes through the depot.



Above, Industrial Engineer Jennifer Godusky reviews kit carts and key point sheets for the AN/ASM-146 Electronic Shop Van production line.
Right, Chris Sheerer, civil engineer, reviews a drawing of the new Scranton Access Control Point, which is scheduled to begin construction this spring.



“Engineers take math and science from paper and the lab to invent, design and build things that matter. They are team players with independent minds who ask, “How can we develop a better recycling system to protect the environment, design a school that can withstand an earthquake or create cutting-edge special effects for the movies?”

By dreaming up creative and practical solutions, engineers are changing the world all the time.”

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